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SUBJECT:EMBASSY OPERATIONS DURING KASHMIR HARTAL

1. REUTERS REPORT DATELINED ISLAMABAD FEBRUARY 27 STATES:

"SOME DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WILL CLOSE IN ISLAMABAD TOMORROW, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY. OTHERS, HOWEVER, INSIST ON REMAINING OPEN, SINCE THEIR GOVERNMENTS FEAR CLOSURE MIGHT BE INTERPRETED IN INDIA AS SYMPATHY WITH PAKISTAN IN THE KASHMIR DISPUTE."

2. DEPT BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL EXCEPT IF YOU HAVE STRONG REASONS TO THE CONTRARY (E.G., EXPECTATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST EMBASSY). LOCAL EMPLOYEES MAY BE EXCUSED FROM WORK AT MISSION'S DISCRETION.

3. PLEASE INFORM IMMEDIATELY. KISSINGER

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